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YAMAMOTO et al.) Examiner: C. FRONDA
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For: NON-REDUCING SACCHARIDE-) Atty. Docket: YAMAMOTO=16A
FORMING ENZYME,)
TREHALOSE-RELEASING...)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action of March 27, 2001, primarily in the nature of a requirement for restriction, has been carefully reviewed.

Restriction has been required between what the examiner deems to be five patentably distinct inventions, namely:

Group I, drawn to a non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, comprising claims 1-13;

Group II, drawn to a DNA encoding a non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, a vector, a host, and a process for recombinantly producing the non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, comprising claims 14-25;

Group III, drawn to a trehalose-releasing enzyme, comprising claims 26-38;

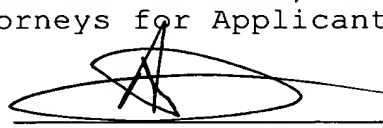
Group IV, drawn to a DNA encoding a trehalose-releasing enzyme, a vector, a host, and a process for recombinantly producing the trehalose-releasing enzyme, comprising claims 39-51; and

Favorable reconsideration and examination of all claims on the merits (or at least some additional groups) is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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